

ANOTHER JUBILEE SINGER GONE

MRS. GEORGIA MINOR GORDON TAYLOR JOINS HEAVEN'S CHOIR.

Breathed Her Last Saturday, June 7—Had Suffered for Many Months—All Realized that the End Was Approaching—Had Spent a Life of Service—Seven Years with Jubilee Singers—The Funeral.

On Saturday morning at 2 o'clock the death angel came into the city of Nashville and removed from her midst one of her most highly respected women, Mrs. Georgia Minor Gordon Taylor.

She had suffered for several months, and the end was not a surprise to those who had come knowledge of the condition and in fact she herself realized several months ago that it was only a question of time with her. She was most patient in her affliction, always exhibiting a spirit of cheerfulness. It was only five hours before the time that Mr. Wm. Brewster was found dead when Mrs. Taylor breathed her last.

It was a trying time for Rev. Taylor to have his companion and his trusted servant corpses in his house at the same time.

Mrs. Taylor was one of the best-known characters in this city, and she enjoyed both a national and international reputation as a Jubilee Singer, and aside from that she had a host of friends in this city who were grief-stricken when they learned that the end had come, although they knew that she could not last for many days. All day Saturday, Sunday and Monday there was a stream of people going to and fro to take a last look at this good and grand woman.

Every undertaker in the city, both black and white, rushed to the side of Mr. Taylor and offered to him every aid in their power. It is admirable indeed the way in which his colleagues rallied to his rescue. The people came from every quarter of the city and from every walk of life and of every nationality; all were anxious to pay respect to the woman who deserved every honor that could be bestowed upon her. It was the sweet disposition and the perseverance for good that made all of the people love Mrs. Taylor.

A useful life was closed last Saturday morning when Georgia Gordon TAYLOR entered "Bright Mansions above." We were girls and school-mates and members of the choir of thirty at old Fisk in 1868-1871. We labored together as soprano singers in concert tours to raise funds for Fisk in her poverty. When George L. White asked for volunteers to go north to sing money out of the hearts and pockets of the people for our school, Georgia was among the first to offer her sweet flute-tone voice in the service of the school. Eleven of that choir which went forth on October 6, 1871, on that wonderful mission of song. Our journeying for the University lasted seven years. We traveled in all eleven

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S. S. CONGRESS GREAT SUCCESS

MEETING JUST CLOSED IN MUSKOGEE BRILLIANT FROM EVERY VIEW.

Nashville Delegation Plays Conspicuous Part—Texas in for Her Share—All Sessions Largely Attended—Sunday's Parade a Stupendous Demonstration Over a Mile Long—New Boys' Movement Started.

Like victorious warriors, the Nashville delegation which left the city last Tuesday, by special train, to attend the Sunday-School Congress at Muskogee, Okla., returned at 1:32 p. m. Tuesday. From all reports gleaned from the delegation and officials of the Congress, the session

just closed at Muskogee was by far the most largely attended and most enthusiastic in the history of the Congress. Many of those who attended are said to have left the meeting loud in their expressions and congratulating themselves over the fact that a new day in Sunday-school life has dawned, and that this Sunday-school movement which really began its inception in Nashville, was to spread over the entire United States.

One of the most prominent visitors to the Congress remarked: "A torch has been lighted in the West, in the interest of Sunday-school work, which will light a blaze that will be seen throughout the civilized world from a Sunday-school viewpoint." The entire week in Muskogee was spent in actual Sunday-school methods. Nothing was left undone. Homes were opened. Enthusiasm was injected into every occasion and in fact a week of profitable sojourn was spent in the new state of Oklahoma that will result in much good.

The Nashville delegation were shown much attention, but there were other delegations which vied with the state of Tennessee and the city of Nashville. From one city in Texas there came 24 delegates. Enthusiasm was at a high ebb from the time the train pulled into Muskogee until the special train left Monday at noon.

The sessions of the Congress were held in the spacious city hall which seats over 3,000 people. Every session is reported to have been fully attended, but the climax of the occasion was the Sunday demonstration. A parade twenty-one blocks in length, led by a well-trained band under the direction of Prof. N. H. Plus, supplemented by a chorus of 250 voices, the singers garbed in Sunday-School Congress uniform, together with the local Sunday-schools, national officials, visitors and Sunday-school workers from Muskogee, paraded the streets, beginning at the Manual Training School, at the extreme end of North Muskogee, the end of the line being at the City Hall in the heart of Muskogee. The streets were thronged from the beginning of the parade until it dispersed at the Auditorium. The oldest residents of Muskogee declared to the Congress visitors that they had never seen such a demonstration even in the fraternal

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MULLINS AND JONAH BREAK

FORMER CLAIMS THAT LATTER HAS IMPOSED ON HIM

Mullins' Name Used Without His Permission—Jonah Sought Mullins' Aid—Asked Him to Go North with Him—Jonah Tries to Establish Rival Town—Says White Folks Will Discriminate Against the Blacks.

What appeared to be a relationship that would be of long standing in our congenial nature has come to an abrupt ending.

Mr. J. B. Mullins, founder of Hortense, a town in Dixon county whose population is to be exclusively Negroes, has broken relations with Rev. Jonah, a white man who has been in Nashville several weeks on a mysterious mission.

The break came about it seems through the too free use of Mr. Mullins' name by Rev. Jonah. Mullins is pushing Hortense and he says that Jonah came to him and asked that he (Mullins) join with him (Jonah) in a similar work; from what could be learned the working agreement was gone into. Jonah was to help Mullins and Mullins was to help Jonah. Just in what way the help was to be rendered was not made clear by the conversation, but it seems that each was to help the other in moral support.

In a few days after this conversation, it seems a letter head appeared in Nashville, headed "We are coming with a train load of Negro's products. The train was scheduled to visit Chicago, New York, Washington, Boston, and Philadelphia.

J. B. Mullins' name appeared as general manager; this was done Mr. Mullins said without his consent or knowledge. Following close after this came an announcement that Rev. Jonah and Mr. Mullins were to establish a town in another part of Dixon county about twenty-five miles from Hortense. When Mr. Mullins learned of this he condemned it in the strongest terms, and said that Mr. Jonah had no right to use his name as he was bent on establishing Hortense on that the ground Jonah was speaking of, is not as good a ground as his. Jonah says that Mr. Mullins would not succeed, because it is not on a river, he says that a Negro town to succeed must have a waterway so that they could fight the railroad; he said that the white fellows on the railroad would work discrimination against the Negroes in rates, so his purpose is to establish a town of his own.

It is not known whether or no Mr. Jonah being a white man, will live in the town or not. It is presumed, however, that since it is to be a Negro village, and after Mr. Jonah organizes and sells the land, he will withdraw from the community. Be this as it may the breach between Jonah and Mullins seems to grow wider and wider, as every plan is to be carried out in his own way.

Rev. Jonah came to Nashville several weeks ago and has since been here advocating what he calls the Negro Emancipator. He terms himself as the "Moses of the Negro race." What he intends doing, nobody seems to fully understand except himself. He has published a book, many copies of which have been sold in Nashville. He visits every meeting among the colored people and if given a chance will get in his say, but nobody seems to be able to find head nor tail to Mr. Jonah's plans; he has visited other places in the country and at one time had some trouble at Brownsville, Tenn. He came to Nashville from Memphis, which city he describes as being the meanest place on earth, but he speaks well of Nashville, however, and says that the condition between the white and black people should be changed and that he is the man to do it.

The difference between Rev. Mullins shows no signs of helping as Mr. Mullins is a determined man it is not expected that he will give up the scheme that he has long cherished and surrender to Mr. Jonah.

KIOSK DESCRIBED.

To enlighten the public in regard to the kiosk recently erected at the corner of Eighth avenue and Broadway, Roscoe Nunn, section director of the United States Weather Bureau, has gotten out a four-leaf pamphlet containing the history and general description of the instrument. A supply of these will be kept at the kiosk for some time and the public may get them there.

STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS.

Rev. Luke Mason, well and favorably known as the pastor of the Primitive Baptist church, was stricken with paralysis Wednesday morning. He is now in a serious condition at his home, 117 Fain street.

COMMENCEMENT AT FISK UNI.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON DELIVERS ADDRESS TO CLASS

Large Crowd Present to Witness Exercises and Hear Dr. Washington—Interesting Programs All the Week—Alumni and Class Day Exercises—Address to Get Close to the People—No Excuse for Educated Men and Women.

The Annual Commencement of Fisk University closed Wednesday morning with Dr. Booker T. Washington.

The commencement exercises of Fisk University began Friday, June 6, with a piano recital by the members of the graduation class in music. Sunday, June 8, the baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Rev. Wilbur F. Tillett, D. D., LL. D., Dean of the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University. The sermon was on the subject of praise.

Tuesday, June 10th a. m., the student alumni was held in Memorial Chapel and at 3:30 p. m. the anniversary of the alumni associations. At 7:45 p. m. the anniversary of the Alumni Associations were held.

Wednesday morning at ten o'clock the commencement came to a close with the graduating exercises of the College classes. On this occasion a crowd gathered that packed the Memorial Chapel. There is always a large crowd on hand to witness Fisk commencement, but on this occasion the crowd was usually large due no doubt to the fact that the distinguished educator, Dr. Booker T. Washington was to deliver the address to the graduating class.

The exercises as a whole were exceptionally grand. The address of graduates and splendid music bringing forth great applause. The large assemblage never wearied of the program and really seemed to enjoy every piece on the program. At the conclusion of the graduating addresses Dr. Washington asked Dean Wright to have the congregation sing a song. They sang two verses of "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

Dean Wright in presenting Dr. Washington said that he needed no introduction for there was only one Booker T. Washington.

Mr. Washington in the way of preliminary said: "This has been a year of trials through which Fisk University has passed. In the death of the president, a trustee, many friends and one of her teachers. You have passed through a year which few institutions are called upon to experience. Yet with all of these has come the effort to increase the Endowment Fund that has tested the faith and loyalty of friends, alumni, and graduates of the institution, out of which has come something that is of great value to Fisk, greater than anything that could be counted in dollars and cents and that is the way the friends and graduates of the institution are rallying to its support." He said to address the graduating classes of the day was very hard, but twenty years hence the task would seem much more easy; the difficulty comes from the fact that the tremendous amount of wisdom has not dissolved, but twenty years from now it would have been dissolved. The address in part was as follows:

"One of the first questions confronting a graduating class from any institution is that of being able to digest and use the education which has been given. This applies to the people of any race. In a particular and especial degree does it apply to the educated men and women of the Negro race.

"Next to this importance is the problem of finding location for one's life work. Where can one find a physical territory or standing room that is large enough to present all the inducements in the way of permanency, future growth and encouragement for one's life work. In this respect the educated men and women of no race in the same relative stage of civilization has a greater opportunity than is true of the educated men and women of my race who are going out from our institutions of learning today. That territory and that opportunity, in my opinion, present themselves here in our sixteen Southern States in a degree that is exceptional. We have in our sixteen Southern States a territory that is as large as the combined area of Austria, France, Germany, Italy and Spain. At least one-half of the tillable soil of the Southern States is unused or unoccupied. In a word, there are 200,000,000 acres of land that invite the skill, the industry, the intelligence, the culture, of the educated men and women of our race.

Ambition For Negroes.

I have heard it asserted that certain types of people would have the

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NAPIER LIKES NASHVILLE

DECLINES THE OFFER TO ENTER BUSINESS IN WASHINGTON

Prevailed Upon to Take Part in Big Bank—Men of Means Ready to Cooperate—Recognize Mr. Napier's Business Ability—Register Desires to Return Home—One Bank Recently Organized in Capital City.

"Not that I like Washington less, but that I like my native heath, the hills and dales and the familiar haunts of Nashville more, is why I have not given my consent to the oft-repeated propositions made to me to enter into a business career in Washington when my term as Register of the United States Treasury expires."

is the emphatic statement of Hon. J. C. Napier, in reply to a Nashville Globe representative as to whether he would return to his home city or whether he would accept one of the propositions made to him by the business men of Washington, who have long since recognized his ability as a successful business man. Persistent rumors have gained circulation that Mr. Napier would head a corporation that was preparing to open a mammoth banking concern in Washington. It is said that the probability of launching this bank depended entirely upon Mr. Napier's final decision. In speaking of the matter, Mr. Napier declared that the opportunities, the outlook and the future for the Negro business men in the nation's capital were about as bright as he had seen in any place in the United States, but that his desire to return home and perhaps spend the remainder of his years among friends of a half century's standing offered far more assurance than to enter the business life of Washington. He set at rest all rumor that there was any possibility of having him remain in Washington to take any position, no matter how lucrative or what the prospects for the future might be.

One bank has already been organized here under the caption The Industrial Savings Bank, located at 2006 Eleventh street, N. W., with a capital stock of \$50,000 divided into shares of \$10.00 each. The officers of the bank are John W. Lewis, president; James Langham, vice president; James H. Coleman, 2nd vice president; James H. Washington, treasurer; Wm. A. Bowie, cashier, Zeph P. Moore, counsel. On the board of directors are to be found some of the best known business men of the nation's capital. The institution is reported to be doing a thriving business.

COMPANY G TO GO TO CAMP.

Company G, unattached, the only colored company in the Tennessee National Guard, and the only Negro company south of the Mason and Dixon line, will go to summer camp at Fountain City this year. Heretofore the company has encamped at some point near Nashville. The company is said to be in good condition. It has an enrollment of about sixty men and splendid discipline.

SIX OF THE ORIGINAL TROUPE STILL LIVING.

Of the original Jubilee Singers there are six living. They are as follows: Maggie Porter Cole, Detroit, Mich.; Eliza Walker Crump, Chicago, Ill.; Thomas Rutling, London, Eng.; Ella Sheppard Moore, Nashville, Tenn.; Mabel Lewis Ives, Cleveland, Ohio; Hinton D. Alexander, Chattanooga, Tenn.

CLOSING OF THE KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL.

After a very successful term of 9 months the Kindergarten School of Mrs. Susie Howard Hall of 313 8th avenue, South will close its session. The closing exercises being at 5th Avenue Baptist Church on June 20th at 8 p. m.

Y. M. C. A.

The meeting on Fisk University campus last Sunday afternoon with Hon. Noah H. Cooper as speaker was no doubt the most successful evangelistic meeting held this season. A strong man made a confession and promised to live a Christian life. Some church has no doubt enrolled him already as a candidate for baptism.

Sunday afternoon, June 15, at 4 o'clock at the Majestic Theater there will be held one of the biggest mass-meetings for young men in the history of the association. Drs. J. H. Hale, C. V. Roman, Prof. H. L. Keith, Mr. S. W. McGill, Drs. N. D. Shamborguer and R. H. Boyd will each deliver a short address. Music by the Y. M. C. A. and Athletic Quartets, directed by Dr. S. S. Caruthers. This will be a great meeting. 500 young men are expected to be present.

Sunday, June 22, at 4 p. m. there will be a big mass-meeting for men in South Nashville at the Clark Memorial Church on Franklin street.

PEARL HIGH SCHOOL CLOSES

PRINCIPAL F. G. SMITH DELIVERS STRONG ADDRESS

Mr. A. E. Hill, President Board of Education, Speaks Words of Encouragement—Class of Thirty-One Receive Diplomas—Exercises Highly Enjoyed by the People—Year's Work a Successful One.

The annual commencement exercises of Pearl High School brought out a large crowd at Ryman Auditorium last Friday night. The inclemency of the weather to the contrary notwithstanding. Before six o'clock the people had begun to gather and long before the doors were opened several hundred were seated on the front steps of the building waiting to be admitted. Though a large crowd had assembled there was no confusion when the doors were opened. The people filed in and took their seats to await the beginning of the exercises. The processionary march was begun promptly at 8 o'clock and the class marched in amid the thundering applause of a large assembly. Invocation was pronounced by Rev. N. D. Shamborguer. The opening chorus "Oh Italia, Italia," was sung by mixed voices. Next the address with salutatory honor was delivered by Miss Nannie Mai Lawrence Forbes on the subject, "Perseverance." Pearl High School Glee Club composed of male

voices sang "A New Melody." Next the address with valedictory honor was delivered by Miss Jennie Lee Anderson, on the subject, "The Sphere of Woman." Music, Swane River, was sung by the girls' Glee Club. At the conclusion of the exercises Prof. Smith, principal of the school, presented the class to Prof. A. E. Hill, president of the Board of Education, who presented diplomas to all. The following is the program just as it was carried out:

Order of Exercises.

Processional march, class of 1913; invocation, Rev. N. D. Shamborguer, D. D.; opening chorus, "Oh, Italia, Italia" (Lucetta), Donizetti, mixed voices; address, with salutatory honor, "Perseverance," Nannie Mai Lawrence Forbes; music, "A New Melody" (Bridgman) Pearl High School Glee Club (male voices); address, with valedictory honor, "The Sphere of Woman," Jennie Lee Anderson; music, "Swane River," arranged by J. A. Parks, Pearl High School Glee Club (female voices); presentation of diplomas, A. E. Hill, president Board of Education; closing chorus, "Song of the Vikings" (Panning), mixed voices.

Mr. Superintendent and Gentlemen of the Board of Education:

The Valedictorian has thanked you in behalf of the Class for the care and interest you have manifested toward them and for the benefits that they have received at your hands. I realize the inestimable service that you have done them. An educated mind and cultured heart are priceless possessions beyond the reach of panic and misfortune. Men may steal your purse, calamity may darken your character, but that which is stored in the mind can never be destroyed. Permit me to thank you for the confidence you have bestowed upon us. I know of nothing that we have done to merit such distinction, unless it be that we have tried to do our duty and win the approval of our own conscience. Let us cherish the hope that the bestowal of your favor and the possession of your esteem may

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MRS. GEORGIA MINOR GORDON TAYLOR.
Born Sept. 24, 1855. Died June 7, 1913. Original Jubilee Singer. A Noble Christian Worker.



PROF. F. G. SMITH.
Principal of Pearl High School.